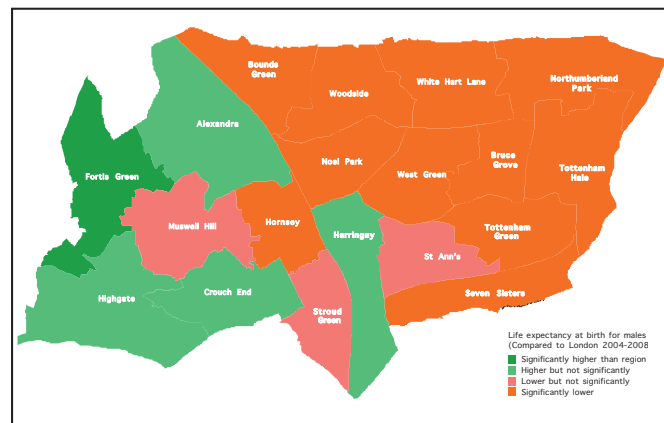




BRIDGING THE SICKLY DIVIDE

New health boss Dr de Gruchy brands life-expectancy gap 'unfair'

ADAM HOLT



New role: Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy, newly appointed joint director of public health, is seeking to tackle the inequality across the borough through fresh public health initiatives

By Lucy Purdy

HARINGEY'S new health guru has described her shock at the gulf in equality across the borough as she prepares to take over the reins from NHS colleagues under government reforms.

Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy said that the chasm between the west and east of the borough in factors such as life expectancy was "unfair and completely unacceptable" and explained how her childhood in apartheid-torn South Africa had helped fuel a desire to redress such imbalances.

As part of government proposals for reforms to the NHS and health services, local councils may soon have direct responsibility for public health issues for the first time in almost 40 years.

Dr de Gruchy spoke to the Advertiser this week after first coming to Haringey in November to take up the role of joint director of public health. Her 25-strong team will work on health

protection, covering issues such as immunisation, screening and emergency planning; health improvement, reducing obesity, smoking, alcohol and drugs; and healthcare services, working with GPs and hospitals to improve services.

She and her team will be based at River Park House in Wood Green and will work alongside the Haringey team of North Central London NHS – created out of the merger of primary care trusts from Haringey, Enfield, Barnet, Camden and Islington.

Though relishing the challenge, the 46-year-old admitted she faces an uphill struggle to turn things around in a borough where a bus journey from one side to the other exposes the disparity between exceptional wealth and abject poverty.

Dr de Gruchy said: "If you take the 41 bus from Highgate across to Tottenham Hale, and watch who gets on at the different stops, you will be seeing people with vastly different life

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expectancies. A man in Muswell Hill can expect to live to 81 but a man in some areas of Tottenham can expect to only live until 72.

"To have a nine-year gap in one borough is remarkable and unfair – completely unacceptable. And it's very difficult to crack."

Dr de Gruchy's task is deceptively simple – to consider the wider issues impacting upon health and wellbeing in Haringey, such as housing, education, transport and employment.

But it is a huge remit and made even more difficult by the financially straitened times.

"Haringey is facing multiple challenges," she explained.

"There are high rates of worklessness, low incomes, pressure on housing – housing is a more critical issue in Haringey than in other boroughs. As changes to housing benefit come in, people are going to move further out of

London in a situation where prices will go up but benefits go down. Haringey's diversity is one of the borough's strengths but it is also a challenge. We are here to help the community but in Haringey the community is constantly changing, so that brings new challenges in itself."

The 2007 smoking ban and efforts to limit the advertising of tobacco have saved lives, and national legislation such as this can have a huge impact in places such as Haringey, Dr de Gruchy admitted.

But she also places a big emphasis on the shoulders of residents themselves, insisting people need to take responsibility for their personal health by exercising, eating plenty of fruit and vegetables and avoiding the menaces of junk food, cigarettes, drugs and alcohol.

Dr de Gruchy said the fact Haringey has no hospital within its borders was "not a problem" and suggested people needed to begin to look elsewhere for their health services other than hospitals.

Previously a working doctor specialising

in psychiatry, Dr de Gruchy said she had already forged strong links with GPs working in Haringey to reflect the newly heightened role of healthcare professionals under the reforms.

She is fiercely supportive of the shift in this direction because GPs see patients "day-in-day-out and know exactly what the difficulties are".

"Growing up in South Africa, I was very much exposed to massive health inequalities and I think that is where my interest in public health began," she explained.

"I recognised the very privileged background I had in that society and the way in which society can be so unfair.

"I'm a migrant to Haringey, as are many other people in the borough. It is an environment I'm familiar with and comfortable in – I think this will only help me in Haringey.

"It's an exciting, challenging position to be in."

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Council boss' fears after benefits cuts

HARINGEY will be "hardest hit" by government plans to change housing and benefit reforms, the leader of Haringey Council has warned.

Claire Kober said that the changes would have unacceptable long-term consequences for the borough, as research by a charity shows that more young people in Haringey will be hit than in any other borough.

The housing charity Crisis says that 12,000 Londoners face losing their homes as a result of a cut to housing benefit which will come in from January 2012. Currently, single under-25-year-olds are restricted to the lower Shared Accommodation Rate of housing benefit which is based on the cost of a room in a shared house rather than a modest one-bed flat.

Applying this lower rate to single people under 35 will mean average losses in London of £87 per week for those affected, with the vast majority losing their homes.

Ms Kober said: "We agree with Crisis that vulnerable people could be particularly affected by what the government is doing.

"It's time for the government to reconsider its plans before they cause real and lasting damage. We are already struggling to meet the demand for housing in the borough, but government plans will just make that situation worse."

According to Crisis, the ten worst affected boroughs, by the number of people affected, are: Haringey, Brent, Enfield, Croydon, Westminster, Lewisham, Hackney, Barnet, Lambeth and Waltham Forest.

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Crime under attack as Neighbourhood Watch launches 300th group

By Lucy Purdy

A ROAD in Crouch End has become the 300th Neighbourhood Watch area in Haringey.

Some 40 residents in Bedford Road have joined the estimated 19,000 existing members of Haringey Neighbourhood Watch, in what organisers describe as a "fantastic milestone".

Neighbourhood Watch groups are run entirely by residents with support from the police and other organisations. Each Watch has an elected co-ordinator who acts as a link with the police, council and community groups.

Nova Crawford, the Bedford Road co-ordinator, said: "It makes sense to start a Neighbourhood Watch, especially if a lot of people work from home as they do here."

"Although we're already vigilant, it's nice to have a scheme that brings people together. It makes people think differently, makes us more aware of our surroundings and security issues."

"I've emailed people in the street with information about home security including advice to secure rear gardens by using trellis on top of

the fence and planting prickly plants. Someone had builders carrying out work and said they'd get the security measures done at the same time, which worked really well. We wouldn't have had that conversation if we hadn't set up a Neighbourhood Watch."

Robert How, the chairman of Haringey Association Of Neighbourhood Watches, said: "Reaching our 300th is a fantastic milestone."

"It is good to see so many people recognising the importance of Neighbourhood Watch and the positive effect it can have on communities. We are going from strength to strength."

Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector John Forde said: "Neighbourhood Watch is about vigilance and building a support network of communities whose collective efforts can improve feelings of safety."

"By working together with each other and relevant organisations, residents can make a real difference to their quality of life."

To find out if there is a group in your street, or to start a new group, contact community Neighbourhood Watch link manager Pauline Syddell on 020 8721 6803.



Watch out: Nova Crawford and fellow Bedford Road neighbourhood watch members, including Kitty, three, and William Fraser, five, and Hal Wilkinson, six, with Safer Neighbourhoods Inspector John Forde and PCSO Louise Humphrey



Court on camera: LTA chief executive Roger Draper and guests at the new Bruce Castle Park tennis courts

A MAJOR refurbishment of the Bruce Castle Park tennis courts has been completed.

The new courts were opened by Roger Draper, the chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association, following a £278,000 redevelopment, part funded by the Lawn Tennis Association's Tennis Foundation, £147,000, with the balance from Haringey Council.

The five courts were rebuilt and resurfaced, with floodlights installed on two of them, as well as new posts and nets, landscaping and fencing work.

Councillor Alan Strickland, cabinet member for economic development and social inclusion, said: "Tennis is booming in Haringey and these new courts will provide top-quality facilities in Tottenham."

Tennis fans net ace new courts after £278,000 refit

"They are an important part of our tennis development plan for the borough. The plan has a number of aims, including improving facilities and increasing the number of people who play tennis."

Mr Draper said: "The facilities here are fantastic and I'm delighted to be opening them for the community. We want to help more people play tennis, and Bruce Castle Park is a part of that. The courts are of the best quality and the floodlights mean they can be used for longer in the winter."

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City artist David returns with his first home show

By Lucy Purdy

COLOURFUL images of cities painted by world-renowned Wood Green artist David Questa will grace the walls of Hornsey Library from next Wednesday.

David, who paints and sketches urban landscapes across the globe, has put together Cityscapes which is on show until July 9.

Stunning views of Kuala Lumpur and New York's hazy skyline, as well as one of a Wood Green launderette, will go on show in David's first exhibition of urban landscapes at the Original Gallery in Haringey Park.

Currently living in Haringey, David takes photographs and pens sketches of cities around the world, including London, New York and Melbourne and then transforms his observations into large-scale paintings with multi-layered surfaces.

Based at the Chocolate Factory, David's work is held in private collections in the UK and Australia and has been exhibited across the globe, most recently at the prestigious Medici Gallery in Mayfair.

For more information, including opening times, visit www.haringey.gov.uk/theoriginalgallery

Eye for colour:
David Questa



Gina's back as mayor to honour the carers

A GRANDMOTHER-of-four has taken over the chains of office as Haringey's mayor for the next year.

Gina Adamou, who represents Haringey ward, took over from outgoing Mayor Eddie Griffith.

It is her second spell as mayor, having previously served from 2006-2007.

Councillor Adamou's son, Andreas, will be her escort throughout the year.

Councillor Adamou will use her year as mayor to raise funds for Haringey's many carers and volunteers – in particular the Carers' Centre and the BME Carers' Group.

Councillor Adamou was born in Cyprus and moved to the UK in 1960. She has lived in Haringey for more than 40 years and in Haringey since 1972. She has been a ward councillor since 1990.

She was the first Cypriot woman to hold the mayoralty and is married with three grown-up children and four grandchildren.

She said: "This coming year will be about recognising the contribution made by so many volunteers in Haringey. I will be focusing especially on carers following my work on the scrutiny review on support to carers, through which I learned we have



Back in harness: Returning mayor Gina Adamou

more than 16,000 unpaid carers in Haringey. I will work with other organisations to support and promote carers and volunteers and the important contribution they make to the borough.

"There are around 16,000 carers in Haringey and they do such valuable work, often out of a sense of love, care, commitment and duty. It doesn't occur to them that they should be rewarded.

"The work they do is so helpful to the community, the council and the health services. Carers don't always get the credit they deserve and if I can change that, even a small amount, it will be an honour."

Councillor David Browne is her deputy.



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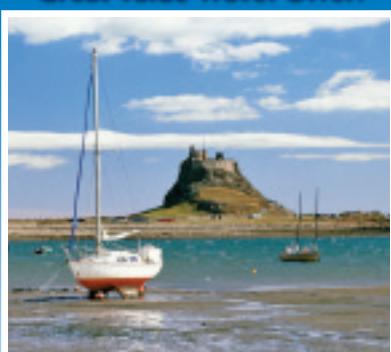
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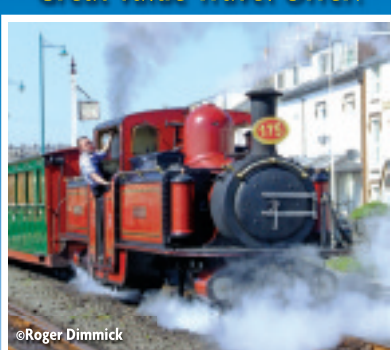
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Comic insights to the world of dating

JONATHAN LOVETT
reviews *Play It Again, Sam*,
Upstairs At The Gatehouse

"What are you doing Saturday night?"

"Committing suicide..."

"How about Friday?!"

WOODY Allen has always been great at the gags.

Play It Again, Sam, his Broadway play – made famous in the 1972 movie – has its fair share. In fact they constitute virtually the entire script.

It means there's plenty to laugh at, but not so much to think about, as we follow a very Allenesque character called Allan at the fag end of the 1960s attempting to counter his recent divorce by dating different women using advice from the ghost of Humphrey Bogart.

It's a neat premise, and great for a sketch, but extended to full play length shows its shortcomings – even though Act II does boast a great triple header of an imagined meeting between a jilted husband and his rival played as a British



Dead ringer for love: Tim Frost as the Woody Allenesque Allan

affair, then replayed as a blood-thirsty horror and finally as an Italian melodrama.

What it needs is one eye-catching set, top-notch acting from the six-strong ensemble and direction at a fair lick – and this is exactly what it gets.

Allan's detailed, period New York apartment continues *Upstairs'* impressive résumé of fine set

design (praise to designer Suzi Lombardelli), while their knack of picking exactly the right people for the right job continues apace by finding a virtual Woody Allen dead ringer in Tim Frost who does both slapstick and introspection to a tee and is only briefly offstage throughout this energetic entertainment.

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X-Men need to grow

X-Men: First Class (12A)
★★★★☆

Director: Matthew Vaughn
Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, January Jones

I LIKE the X-Men. They're all freaks and say things such as, "You shouldn't try and fit into society" as well as their classic slogan, "Mutant... and proud!"

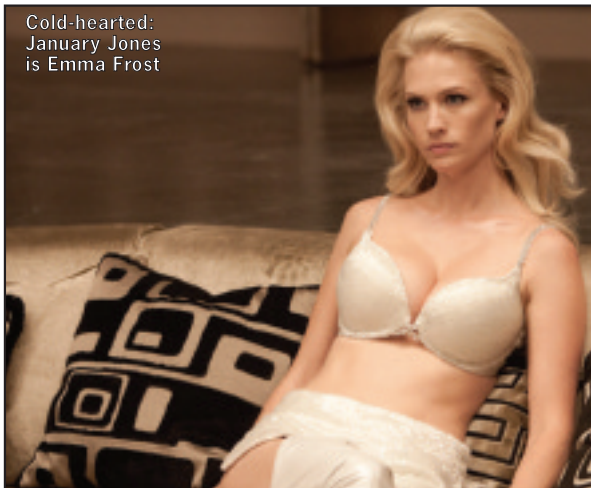
Also, thanks to Bryan Singer's first two intelligent features, the original comic books worked great as movies and played a big part in regenerating the superhero movie franchise in the past decade.

But since then we've endured X-Men 3 and the Wolverine spin-off, so I approached this X-Men the Wonder Years with pessimism.

First the good news – this ain't half bad and has enough intrigue and eye-popping set pieces to possibly justify the planned trilogy... to the trilogy, as it were.

We open in 1944 as a young Jewish lad called Erik bends a gate with his mind in anger at the Nazis taking away his parents, and repeats his metallic mind trick to devastating effect when a particularly nasty chap called Sebastian Shaw (Kevin Bacon in lip-smackingly sinister form) murders his mum in front of him. Cut across the world to the UK where a young Charles Xavier meets his first mutant – a lovely blue girl

Cold-hearted:
January Jones
is Emma Frost



called Raven. Fast forward 20 years and Erik (Michael Fassbender) seeks revenge on Shaw who is himself revealed as a mutant intent on triggering a nuclear war between America and Russia with the help of Azazel, Riptide and an alluring Emma Frost (Mad Men's January Jones).

Again, cut across the globe to Oxford where Xavier (James McAvoy) has just graduated as a professor in genetics, but is suddenly summoned by the CIA to help recruit "good" mutants in the forthcoming battle against Shaw and co.

Xavier and Erik, soon to be Magneto, bond in a buddy movie spliced

with lot of James Bond 60s style and pastiche, alongside the wonders of modern special effects, including a submarine getting pulled into the sky by Erik and a whole missile attack being frozen in mid-air.

But more invention and risks could have been taken by the scriptwriters, while the problem of the third X-Men film is repeated in that there are too many darn mutants to be anything more than sketches of characters.

McAvoy holds it together well, however, and any sequel success rests on his shoulders.

by Jonathan Lovett

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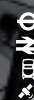
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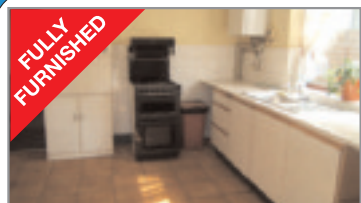
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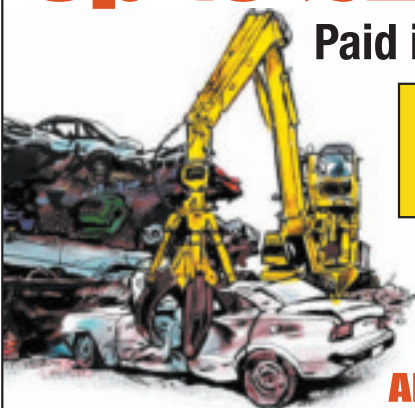
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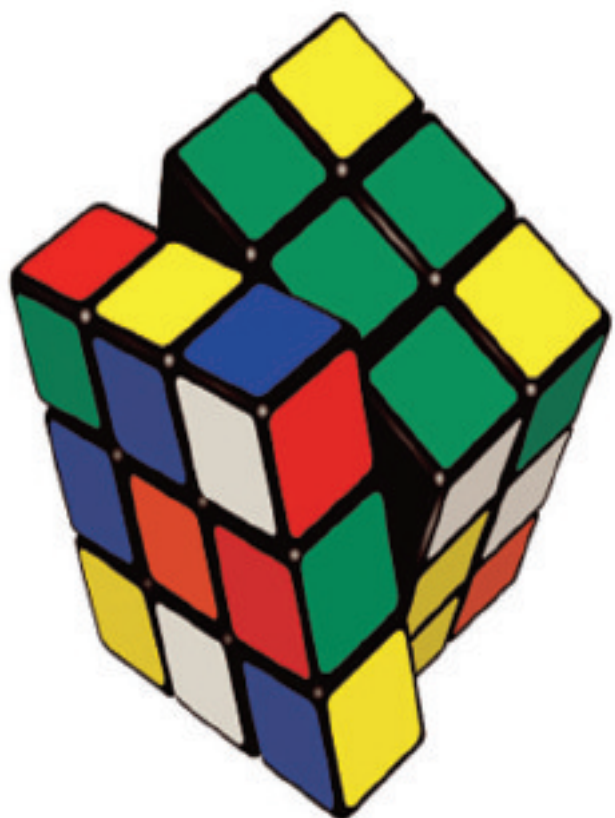


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MIXED race single mum, medium build, 2 boys, likes cooking, film, walks, seeks sincere white male, 48-58. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 358773

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TALL slim brunette, just 21yrs seeks interesting older male who knows what's what, show me the ways of the world. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 356969

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BRIGHT bubbly, curvy blonde, bit of a romantic, seeks loving male to share the fun loving side of life with. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 338461

ATTRACTIVE black lady, 5ft 6ins, black hair, slim, kissable lips, likes walks, horse riding, go karts, seeks professional white male, 35-45, athletic, 5ft 11ins-6ft. London. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 353897

STUNNING vivacious female, long blonde hair, lovely legs, slim, loves motorbikes, seeks tall, hunky male for a wild and passionate relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 370348

BLACK female, likes meals out, theatre, seeks solvent white male, 30-47 for genuine relationship. Ashford. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 382910

VICKY attractive, kind, down to earth, black British, likes travel, writing, reading, cooking, socialising, seeks generous, good man who is family orientated. Essex. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 353033

SINGLE mum, 39, likes most things, seeks male with GSOH for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 349999

ADORABLE beauty, curvy, caring, down to earth, trained lawyer, seeks good man for friendship, companionship, maybe more. London. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 351337

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DAVID 45, Jamaican parentage, likes cinema, pubs, seeks attractive brunette/Italian/mixed race female, 25-37 for fun and romance. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 367681

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FIT handsome English male, 53, loves fine food, theatre, travel, seeks beautiful, goddess, 30-40, caring and considerate, any nationality for LTR. Central London. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 367537

GERRY 42, black, muscular, 5ft 11ins, attractive, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 305465

BLACK male, 6ft 10ins, muscular, seeks white female for fun times. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 313273

TERRY gift, slim, fit, adventurous, 62, seeks outgoing, fun lady for no strings fun. Billericay/Brentwood. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 367857

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EASYGOING male, 39, 5ft 6ins, medium build, short hair, smoker, likes sports, pubs, cinema, meals out, seeks easygoing female, 35-40 with GSOH. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 332457

WHITE male, 52, 6ft, medium build, likes meals out, cinema, travel, seeks genuine, kind, loving, black/mixed race female for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 361259

MALE white, 48, 6ft 3ins, slim-medium build, seeks plump lady, 30-60 for fun, romance and hopefully LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 360503

NICE looking, fit white male, 51, 6ft, seeks slim, attractive black female, 30-50 for friendship/relationship. SE London. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 367111

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MALE 40, medium build, attractive blue eyes, seeks female, 30-45, slim-tubby with caring nature. Woolwich. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 367571

MALE 38, 5ft 6ins, medium build, blue eyes, short hair, seeks sincere, trustworthy, genuine female, 30-40 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 0226 Box No: 3047

FRIEDEL MOVES TO TOTTENHAM

By Dominique Stafford

VETERAN goalkeeper Brad Friedel has become Tottenham Hotspur's first signing of the summer after agreeing to join the club on a free transfer from Aston Villa.

The 40-year-old American international has decided to make the move to White Hart Lane on a two-year deal after reaching the end of his contract at Villa Park.

Friedel has played in a record 275 consecutive Premier League matches, and will compete with error-prone Heurelho Gomes – who made a number of high-profile mistakes in the closing weeks of the season – for the number one jersey.

Fellow keeper Carlo Cudicini recently signed a one-year contract extension, but Croatian international Stipe Pletikosa has left the club after failing to make an impact during a season-long loan from Spartak Moscow.

"Brad is a goalkeeper of real quality who has great experience," boss Harry Redknapp said. "It is good to have three such experienced top keepers at the club in Gomes, Carlo and now Brad."

"It means we have competition for places, particularly with the number of games we will hopefully face next year both domestically and in Europe as well."

Meanwhile, Wilson Palacios' potential move to Italian outfit Napoli appears to have hit a stumbling block over the transfer fee.

The midfielder joined Spurs for £12million in 2009 but has become an increasingly peripheral figure at White Hart Lane and is expected to leave the club over the summer.

Napoli have confirmed their interest in the Honduras international, but sporting director Riccardo Bigon has admitted that they are concerned about Spurs' wish to recoup the fee they paid Wigan for the player.

"Wilson interests us a lot," he said, "but negotiations have stalled for now. Tottenham are ready to sell him outright, but they want a lot of money to let him go."

"I've spoken with his agent as the player is currently on holiday. Everything should become clearer in the next seven days. Let's wait and see what happens."



New arrival: Brad Friedel has joined Tottenham from Aston Villa

Skolars just fail to seal a second successive win

THE London Skolars came agonisingly close to securing a second successive win before eventually having to settle for a losing bonus point as they were beaten 14-12 at Whitehaven in rugby league's Co-Operative Championship One on Sunday.

On a high after picking up their first league win of the season the previous week, the Skolars carried that form into this match as they gave their on-song hosts a real scare.

Whitehaven, who have lost only once in the league, opened up an early lead through a Chris Smith try which Lewis Palfrey converted, but the visitors hit back to level the scores before the interval as Austen Aggrey barged over the line and Dylan Skee converted.

Scott McAvoy touched down for the hosts shortly after the restart, but the Skolars then enjoyed a long spell of pressure and were rewarded by taking the lead when James Anthony scored a try which Skee converted.

Whitehaven went back ahead when Loz Hamzat touched down in the corner with eight minutes remaining, but the Skolars refused to lie down and almost snatched victory at the death when Ade Adebisi just failed to get on the end of Sam Gee's chip.

The match saw Jermaine Coleman make a welcome return from a serious knee injury, taking his place on the field alongside his brother Jy-mel for the first time.

The London Skolars host Keighley Cougars on Sunday (3pm).



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